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AND VEGETABLES

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1. SUMMARY: FRG LIKELY TO CONTINUE ITS DELAYING
TACTICS REGARDING THE EC COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL ON
M.I.P. END SUMMARY.

2. RECENTLY WE HAD FURTHER CONTACTS WITH FEDMINAG AND
GERMAN TRADE REPRESENTATIVES RE THEIR THINKING ON
THE EC COMMISSION'S DRAFT ON MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES
(M.I.P.). IN THESE DISCUSSIONS WE FOUND A STRONG UNDER-
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CURRENT (IN THE FEDMINAG OFFICIALS' OPINION) TO CONTINUE
THEIR DELAYING TACTICS WHICH HAVE BEEN PRACTICED SO

SUCCESSFULLY IN THE PAST. AT PRESENT THERE ARE INTENTIONS IN FEDMINAG TO USE THE TIE-UP WITH THE EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY AS A TOOL TO DELAY ANY FINAL COUNCIL DECISION ON THE M.I.P. DRAFT. IN THIS CONNECTION THE THINKING APPARENTLY IS THAT CONSIDERING THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE EC, A FINAL AGREEMENT AND DECISION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN POLICY CAN NOT BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. THE GERMAN IMPORT TRADE IS STILL VERY ACTIVELY OPPOSING THE INTRODUCTION OF M.I.P.'S THOUGH IT IS FEARED THAT ULTIMATELY THE EC COUNCIL WILL ESTABLISH SOME TYPE OF M.I.P. SYSTEM--YIELDING TO CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE, PARTICULARLY FROM FRANCE AND ITALY.

4. FURTHERMORE, THE GERMAN FRUIT JUICE BOTTLERS ARE ALSO OPPOSING THE COMMISSION'S DRAFT, AT LEAST AS IT PERTAINS TO CITRUS CONCENTRATES.

5. FEDMINAG HAS REQUESTED LARGE GERMAN TRADE AND PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS SUBMIT THEIR POSITIONS VIS-A-VIS THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL, BY FEB. 20, 1974.
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